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" (*b*) *to* (*d*) The Government consider that the collection of the information which involves undue labour is not commensurate with any public interest.

" (*e*) Certain proposals for increasing the percentage are under consideration."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" With reference to answer to clause (*d*), unless we know the number of reserved posts, it is not possible to find out the number of posts which have been filled up and the number which have not been filled up. Is it difficult to collect the figures with regard to these $8\frac{1}{3}$ per cent of the posts? May I request the Government, if not to-day at least some time later to collect the figures?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The Government have first of all to consider the difficulty involved in gathering the statistics required in the question and then consider whether the figures collected will be of value either for the services or for the public interest. On these two considerations, the Government have found it rather difficult to go into the question. But if the hon. Member still desires to have the information, I shall refer the matter again and when the information is collected I shall certainly give it to him."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" I am anxious about the point raised in clause (*d*), and I shall be glad if the Hon. Minister will have the figures collected?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—"All right, Sir. We shall try."

Fines levied under the City Police Act.

* 3 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : With reference to answer to Question No. 109 answered on 25th March 1947, and the supplementary questions on the same, will the Hon. the Home Minister be pleased to state whether instructions referred to therein have been issued by Government?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The answer is in the negative."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is it not a fact that the Government have issued instructions to honorary magistrates that exemplary punishments should be awarded to those people who are convicted of selling sweets, fruits, vegetables, etc., in the pavements and pials and so on?"

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The hon. Member should know that it is not fair on the part of the Executive to give any instructions to the Judiciary whether honorary or stipendiary, in the matter of punishments because it would be cutting into their independence. People have been crying hoarse for the separation of the Judiciary and the Executive. Under such circumstances the Government felt that it would be neither fair nor proper to give such instructions to the magistrates concerned."

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Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" My point is that my late friend late Mr. Antony said that such instructoins were issued? "

Mr. PRESIDENT :—" The Hon. Minister says that they were not issued."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA Rao :—" Mr. Antony was in honorary magistrate himself and he received such instructions? "

The Hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" It might have been the practice of former Governments, but we have come to the definite conclusion that it is not proper nor right for the Government to issue such instructions to the officers of the judicial service."

Ghee produced in this Province.

* 4 *Q.*—Sri B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) the quantity of ghee produced in this Province during each of the three years 1944–45, 1945–46 and 1946–47;

(*b*) the quantity required for internal consumption in the Province annually;

(*c*) the quantity that could be exported outside the Province;

(*d*) the quantity permitted to be exported outside the Province during each of the three years prior to 31st March 1947;

(*e*) the persons who were granted permits to export to other Provinces quantities in excess of 10 tons during the above period, their occupation and address and the quantities for which the permits were issued; and

(*f*) whether any price was fixed for purchase and export and if so, the prices so fixed?

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (*a*) 37,960 tons per annum on an average. Actual figures for each of the three years are not available.

" (*b*) The normal requirements for consumption in this Province are estimated at 36,120 tons per annum.

" (*c*) This quantity may be estimated roughly at 1,840 tons per annum.

" (*d*) 1944–45—3,249 tons and 1,106 lbs.

1945–46—1,654 tons and 66 lbs.

1946–47—3,426 tons and 2,139 lbs.